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	Gelek Topgyal	2621	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 December 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. Figures 14-18 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4/1, 4/2, 4/3, 5, 6, 7, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Saito et al (US 6,523,696).

Regarding claim 1, Saito teaches a control device for remotely controlling a controlled device connected to a network, comprising: display means for displaying a control panel of said controlled device (third embodiment, col. 32-37, describes a system that displays a control panel of a secondary devices connected through a network. Figure 28 displays a list of the devices connected through a network. Figure 31 shows an example of a control panel of a networked device (DVD player) which meets the limitation of displaying a control panel); and sending means for sending operation information representing a shifting history of a cursor displayed on said control panel to said controlled device (third embodiment, col. 32-37 discloses that when a menu for a device (DVD Player, Fig. 31) is displayed, the user has the ability to select the any of the options available (Fig. 31, i201-i210), when selected by way of clicking on the buttons i201-i210 a corresponding command to the user's clicking is sent to the DVD player or VTR player. The command sent from by way of user selection by clicking on a choice i201-210 meets the limitation of sending operation information to the controlled device.)

Regarding claim 2, Saito teaches that the control device is a TV (Col. 37, lines 3-15) and that the controlled device is a videocassette recorder (col. 34, lines 35-44).

Regarding claim 3, Saito teaches that similar to the VCR and the DVD player, the system has the ability to connect to a digital album server (col. 32, lines 25-32).

Regarding claims 4/1, 4/2, and 4/3, Saito teaches that the network interconnecting the numerous control and controlled devices can be connected through IEEE 1394 protocol (Fig. 27, col. 32, lines 33-58, col. 32, lines 15-24).

Regarding claim 5, Saito teaches a controlled device controlled remotely by a control device connected to a network, comprising: sending means for sending a control panel of said controlled device to said control device (third embodiment, col. 32-37, describes a system where a first AV connection device 204, by way of a terminal (TV), sends a request to the second AV connection device 205 for a command list, in response to the request, the second AV connection device 205 transmits text linking the first AV connection device 204 to the control panel of a secondary devices connected to the secondary AV connection device 205 (VTR, DVD player). Figure 28 shows a list of the devices connected through a network. Figure 31 shows an example of a control panel of a networked device (DVD player) which meets the limitation of having sent the control panel to the control device (TV)); receiving means for receiving operation information representing a shifting history of a cursor displayed on said control panel; and control means for controlling a function corresponding to the operation information. (third embodiment, col. 32-37 discloses that when a menu for a device (DVD Player, Fig. 31) is displayed, the user has the ability to select the any of the options available (Fig. 31, i201-i210), when selected by way of clicking on the buttons i201-i210 a corresponding command to the user's clicking is sent to the DVD player or VTR player. The command sent from by way of user selection by clicking on a choice i201-210 is received by the DVD player or VTR player and therefore meets the limitation of receiving operation information. Furthermore, the operation information (i201-i210 received by the DVD player or VTR player or the like is implemented, such as, power on, play, stop, etc.);

Regarding claim 6, Saito teaches that the control device is a TV (Col. 37, lines 3-15) and that the controlled device is a videocassette recorder (col. 34, lines 35-44).

Regarding claim 7, Saito teaches that similar to the VCR and the DVD player, the system has the ability to connect to a digital album server (col. 32, lines 25-32).

Regarding claims 8/5, 8/6, and 8/7, Saito teaches that the network interconnecting the numerous control and controlled devices can be connected through IEEE 1394 protocol (Fig. 27, col. 32, lines 33-58, col. 32, lines 15-24).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Segal et al (US 6,765,557) teaches a system for controlling a home entertainment device incorporating a plurality of devices.

Shima et al (US 6,381,507) teaches a command pass through functionality in panel subunit to control a number of target devices.

Timmermans (US 5,543,925) teaches a playback apparatus with selective user preset control of picture presentation.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gelek Topgyal whose telephone number is 571-272-8891. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am -5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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